

Recommends 15 Local High School Students For U.S. Air Force, Military, and Naval Academies

Washington, D.C. - Congressman Maurice Hinchey (D-NY) today announced his nominees to the U.S. service academies for the Class of 2010. After a thorough application process in which his office reviewed numerous applications, Hinchey selected 15 local high school students who he believes would excel at the U.S. Air Force, Military, and Naval Academies.

"All 15 of these nominees have demonstrated an outstanding work ethic and a commitment to their community and country, which is why I think they would do extremely well at our nation's service academies," Hinchey said. "If accepted to the service academies I'm confident that these 15 extraordinary young Americans would step up to the challenge of serving our country in the armed forces and make us all proud. I wish all of these nominees the best of luck with the remainder of the application process."

The selection process for the nominees was based on each student's scholastic record, extracurricular activities, professional recommendations and a personal interview. The process is highly competitive and the admissions departments of the military academies solely determine decisions on final acceptance.

The names of Hinchey's nominees, by academy, are as follows:

U.S. Military Academy

Christopher J. Anderson, Poughkeepsie,
Michael P. Bourgeois, Pine Bush, NY
Nodari Ivanov, Mount Marion, NY
Tyler Mattox, Endwell, NY
Adam Nebzydoski, Jeffersonville, NY
Jessica Wilcox, Hortonville, NY

U.S. Naval Academy

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NY Matthew S. Babcock, Endicott, NY
David Hatch, Ulster Park, NY
Michael Hoskins, Conklin, NY
Benjamin Mantica, Binghamton, NY
Thomas O. Mennerich, Newburgh, NY
James David Walsh, Grahamsville, NY

U.S. Air Force Academy

Marquis Cabrera, Middletown, NY
Christopher Grey, Grahamsville, NY
Jacques Maniguet, Pine Bush, NY

Members of the U.S. House of Representatives and Senate may nominate eligible candidates for appointments to the nation's service academies. Senators nominate applicants statewide, while Representatives, such as Congressman Hinchey, nominate applicants only from their congressional district.

Students who are interested in being nominated by Congressman Hinchey in the future should first contact the service academy of their choice in the spring of their junior year in high school and then request a nomination from the congressman's office shortly thereafter. For more information on the application process, students and parents are encouraged to visit Congressman Hinchey's website page on academy nominations at www.house.gov/hinchey/services/nominations.shtml.

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